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**REPLY**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Communication mailed on December 31, 2002, (i.e., Paper No. 25), to the Official Action mailed May 20, 2002 (i.e., Paper No. 21), and in furtherance to the Amendment and Reply mailed on October 16, 2002, Applicants herein provide the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Entry of the foregoing and further and favorable consideration of the subject application in light of the following remarks, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.112, are respectfully requested.

The Examiner has indicated that the Amendment and Reply filed on October 16, 2002 is not fully responsive to the May 20, 2002 Official Action. In particular, the